



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. XI. N
5/6/2025

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

1. Public hearing regarding a Resolution approving a Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Fifth Year Action Plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
2. Resolution approving a Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Fifth Year Action Plan, for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, including authorizing reallocation of various funds; and authorizing execution of necessary documents.

Background:

The Annual Action Plan establishes the priorities and programs for the use of federal grant funds specific to local community planning and development. Following adoption of the Plan, significant changes require a substantial amendment and a public hearing. Establishment of a new program and an allocation or reallocation of more than 25% are considered significant changes.

The Village on Walnut affordable housing development requires an additional \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for infrastructure developments. The site is facing challenges due to streetlight siting that is increasing costs. Some funds will also be used for public art near the development.

Strong Neighborhood Initiative's (SNI) Safe and Tidy, Hazardous Tree, Sidewalks, and Neighborhood Grants Programs are not specified in the Action Plan. Adding a specific allocation for the programs will allow SNI staff to contract for assistance in the new Fiscal Year. The Housing Rehabilitation Program is adding in-house Emergency Home Repair to help address a waitlist of residents with emergency repair needs.

Staff worked diligently in the past year to identify feasible projects for the development of affordable housing, particularly in SNI neighborhoods. The creation of a program for SNI housing in the Martin Luther King (MLK) neighborhood will allow the competitive solicitation of affordable housing projects in that neighborhood, with an estimate of two new homes constructed with those funds. Funding from the Affordable Housing Development Program (AHDP) will also be moved to Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for the construction of six new affordable homes in Walnut Village, and four new homes in Capitol Hill.

The funding changes will enable staff to continue to operate and contract for programs into the new Fiscal Year, despite possible delays in receiving new Community Development grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The proposed reallocations are as follows:

- Reallocation of \$100,000 from the CDBG General Public Facility line item to Jefferson Park/Positively Paseo The Village on Walnut Development Infrastructure line item. This funding is in addition to \$100,000 already allocated in the current Fiscal Year. A total of \$200,000 is eligible to carry forward into the 2025-26 Fiscal Year.
- Reallocation of \$45,000 from the SNI Public Service line item to a new, specific activity for CDBG SNI Public Service: Neighborhood Cleanup Safe and Tidy.
- Reallocation of \$170,000 from the SNI Public Service and the CDBG General Public Facility line items to a new, specific activity for SNI Public Service: Hazardous Tree Program. This represents an increase to SNI Public Services of \$146,712.50.
- Reallocation of \$450,000 from the SNI Public Facilities and the CDBG General Public Facility line items to a new, specific activity for SNI Public Facilities: Metro Park Sidewalks – Phase III. This represents an increase to SNI Public Facilities of \$268,188.88.
- Reallocation of \$450,000 from the SNI Public Facilities line item to a new, specific activity for SNI Public Facilities: Capitol Hill Sidewalks – Phase IV.
- Reallocation of \$49,250 from the SNI Public Facilities line item to a new, specific activity for SNI Public Facilities: Neighborhood Grants.
- Reallocation of \$325,000 from the OKC Housing Assistance - Exterior Maintenance Program line item to a new, specific activity for the Emergency Home Repair Parallel Pilot Program.
- Reallocation of \$400,000 from the HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME) AHDP line item to a new, specific activity SNI MLK New Construction Single Family Homes, for the construction of two new homes in the MLK neighborhood.
- Reallocation of \$600,000 from the HOME AHDP line item to the Alley's End line item.
- Reallocation of \$1,000,000 from the HOME AHDP line item to the CHDO line item. These funds will be used to continue housing development in The Village on Walnut and to construct four new homes in the SNI Capitol Hill neighborhood.

Upon City Council and HUD approval, reallocations in this Substantial Amendment will be available for obligation through the 2025-26 Fiscal Year. On April 22, 2025, the Citizen's Committee for Community Development (CCCD) discussed these proposed changes to the 2024-25 Fifth Year Action Plan, and recommended approval of the proposed changes to City Council.

Previous Action:

Resolution approving the FY 2024-25 Fifth Year Action Plan, approved by Council July 2, 2024 (Item XI.V.1&2.)

Source of Funds:

GRANTS MANAGEMENT – DEPT OF HSG & URB DEVEL-RSTR – HOME Investment Partnerships Program – M-25-MC-40-0203 (1906-2408030-42750033-G9998-G80433)

GRANTS MANAGEMENT — DEPT OF HSG & URB DEVEL-RSTR – Community Development Block Grant – B-25-MC-40-0003 (1906-2408000-42750026-G9998-G80432)

Review:

Planning Department

Recommendation: Public hearing be held and Resolution be adopted.